

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1112 - SB 1239

March 10, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an alien or admission number from a noncitizen applicant on a handgun carry permit application; allows a gun dealer to sell a firearm to a handgun carry permit holder without conducting a background check or entering the TBI unique approval number on the transaction record.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$1,200,000/TBI

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,000/Department of Safety

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety (DOS) reports a system modification is required to create an inquiry as to an alien or admission number for all noncitizens on a handgun carry permit application. The one-time increase in state expenditures for DOS is estimated to be \$1,000.
- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) reports the department performs approximately 400,000 annual background checks on firearm sales.
- TBI reports a \$10 fee is received for each background check on firearm sales.
- TBI reports approximately 30 percent of all firearm sale background checks are related to handgun carry permit holder purchases (or approximately 120,000).
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to TBI is estimated to be \$1,200,000 (120,000 x \$10).
- Due to the fact the TBI background check system is automated, and would still be utilized for 70 percent of current background checks on firearm sales (or approximately 280,000), any reductions to departmental expenditures is not anticipated.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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